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ROUND TABLE

THURSDAY, October 19 ---- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
5:30 to 7:30 P. M. ---Members: \$1.50, Guests: \$2.00

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LESSONS FROM KOREA

Featured on the discussion panel at this important meeting will be a group of newsmen recently returned from Korea and Japan: BOB CONSIDINE, columnist and feature writer for INS and King Features, and radio commentator; FRANK GIBNEY, Time war correspondent in the Far East and others.

These men will present valuable first-hand information on the political and military situation in the Far East, and exchange views with Members. Moderator will be WILLIAM P. GRAY, Assistant Editor of Life magazine.

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****COMING EVENTS****

Wednesday, October 25 -- The Club is proud to present Dr. Karl Gruber, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Austria, who will discuss "Austria: Between East and West," at a luncheon at the Hotel Astor. Tariff: \$3.75, Members; \$4.00, Guests.

Wednesday, November 1 -- One of the world's foremost exponents of air power, Major Alexander P. de Seversky will speak on "Air Power: Key to Survival", the name of his latest book, before a luncheon session. Details will be published in next week's Bulletin.

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: OFFICIAL :

Membership Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, October 16, 5:45 P.M.

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Barry Bishop, Dallas (Tex.) Morning News. Mexico, October 1945 to present, as chief, Mexico City bureau, Dallas Morning News. Proposed by JOHN R. WILHELM; seconded by RICHARD MASSOCK.

Kenneth Kantor, National Broadcasting Company. Japan, September 1946 to July 1950, with Public Information Office, Far Eastern Command; Japan, July 31, 1950 to date, NBC, Tokyo. Proposed by JOSEF DINE; seconded by ROY J. BATTERSBY.

James J. Cassidy, public relations director, Crosley Broadcasting Corp. Belgium, Holland, Germany, France, England, 1944 to 1945, for National Broadcasting Co. Proposed by JOSEF DINE; seconded by ROY J. BATTERSBY.

Seymour Friedman, assistant photo editor, National Broadcasting Company. China, Burma and India, 1942 to 1945, with Yank magazine. Proposed by JOSEF DINE; seconded by PHILIP DEAN.

Zander Hollander, New York World Telegram and Sun. Pacific, January 1944 to October 1945, for the USAAF weekly magazine, Brief. Proposed by HUGH CONWAY; seconded by CLIVE HOWARD.

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400 NEWS EXECUTIVES ATTEND
INTER-AMERICAN PRESS MEET
ARRANGED BY O.P.C. MEMBER

Paced by an Overseas Press Club open house that entertained 40 delegates and Members at the Clubrooms on October 7, some 400 editors and publishers from the U.S. and 22 Western Hemisphere states are attending an eight-day session of the

Inter-American Press Conference here. The conference, which opened on October 9 and will close October 17, was planned by Member HAL LEE, former editor of Pan-American magazine,

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The OPC welcome, extended to delegates arriving over last weekend, was arranged by the Club's Inter-American Committee, headed by LEE, and the House Committee, headed by LARRY BLOCHMAN. Among those participating were President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, JEWEL DE BONILLA, O'CARROLL COLVIN, HILDA LLODIO, DON GLASSMAN, TED EDIGER, E. L. ALMEN and LUCY GOLDSMITH. Early this week President LOUIS P. LOCHNER also represented the Overseas Press Club at the official dinner of the Organizing Committee of the Conference.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS HEARS REPORTS ON CLUB PROGRESS

Authorizes Appointment of OPC
"Observers" in Key Spots
of the World

A business-packed session kept the Board of Governors busily working until 1 A.M. on October 11 as Officers, Committee Chairmen and Board members heard reports on past progress and drafted plans for new projects. President LOUIS P. LOCHNER told the meeting that the Committee on New Club Quarters, which he temporarily heads, is at the point of presenting final suggestions and recommendations.

LOCHNER praised the work of his Committees, and said he had never worked with a more cooperative group. Discussion was then begun on a motion for the President to appoint "representatives" or "observers" who, as Members of the Club, would keep the Club informed on any matter of interest to foreign correspondents in their areas. It was decided to limit the functions of those selected to observing and reporting, and the President was authorized to make the appointments. Those who will be asked to serve as official observers in various foreign capitals include The Bulletin's Special Correspondents.

With all bills paid, the Club's bank balance on October 1 totaled \$13,577.90, Treasurer LEO BRANHAM reported. This included \$8,577.90 in a Chemical Trust Company checking account, and \$5,000 in the Bowery Savings Bank.

Disbursements for September totaled \$2,138.16. Receipts from dues, initiation fees, Bulletin advertising and various Club functions totaled \$1,483.32, leaving a deficit of \$654.84. Receipts from April 1, 1950 -- the start of the Club's fiscal year -- to October 1, 1950, totaled \$18,354.45. Disbursements for the same period were \$16,034.57. That leaves an excess of income over expenses of \$2,319.85.

The Board of Governors also authorized an exchange of privileges between the Overseas Press Club and the Manila Overseas Press Club.

A preliminary report by HAL LEHRMAN, Chairman of the Lecture Bureau Committee, indicated that the Committee was withholding concrete recommendations until questionnaires mailed to all Members had been studied.

Spurred by a motion introduced by JOHN DALY, the Board spent considerable time discussing ways and means to improve and expedite editorial production of The Bulletin. It was decided that the Bulletin Committee should be constituted as an Editorial Board, with each member serving in rotation as supervisory editor of succeeding Bulletin issues.

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SOMERSET MAUGHAM, an Honorary Member of the OPC, has signed with CBS as commentator for a 13-week series of TV dramatizations of his short stories. Billed as "Teller of Tales", the show will be presented Wednesday evenings (9-9:30 EST) beginning October 18 ...Last week's elections of the United Nations Correspondents Association won PIERRE J. HUSS of INS a spot on the executive board...The American Civil Liberties Union has assigned an attorney to investigate the refusal of the Brookline, Mass., public library to circulate "Seeds of Treason", co-authored by the OPC's VICTOR LASKY...

Bonaventure University on October 4 conferred an honorary Doctor of Letters degree on GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY, columnist and radio commentator...BRIAN O'BRIEN has sold a fiction piece about big-game hunting in Africa to Satevepost...Look magazine, in its yellow-paged "Look Reports" section for October 24, carries an article by DON COOK of the New York Herald Tribune Frankfurt bureau...

.....: LONDON DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Ned Russell,
 : THE OVERSEAS TICKER : the New York Herald Tribune's London bureau chief for the last
 -----: few years, will be leaving within several weeks to assume new
 duties as special writer for the Trib's Washington bureau. He will be succeeded in London
 by Joe Newman, who will come here from Berlin...Two other correspondents who have shifted
 recently from assignments in Germany to posts in London are the UP's Jack Meehan and Joe
 Fleming...Recent visitor here from Prague, where he's UP bureau chief, is Russ Jones...
 Among the visiting firemen who've come through London recently on visits from the U.S.
 are: Martha Gellhorn, on a Satevepost assignment; Tim Costello, operator of the Third
 Avenue bistro (who was greeted here by several transplanted patrons, including Fritz
 Oppen); and a planeload of newsmen on a TWA London-to-Frankfurt junket...NBC's MERRILL
 (RED) MUELLER has a brief but completely-in-character spot in the new British movie hit,
 "Seven Days to Noon." MUELLER plays himself, in front of an NBC mike, broadcasting a
 play-by-play description of an imaginary evacuation of London forced by a crazed scien-
 tist's threat to set off a stolen atom-bomb on noon of a certain day...Life's George
 Caturani has completed his assignment as bureau chief in London, and returned to the U.S.,
 where he will head the Time-Life International Foreign News Desk. He will be succeeded
 here by Gene Frammer, last in London to cover the 1948 Olympics...(DAVE RICHARDSON) Word
 from SYDNEY MOSELEY is that he will shortly launch a pocket-sized, subscription-only
 trade sheet called For Editors Only. He says "I want to fulfill an old dream of mine --
 and incidentally the dream of every pressman in the world -- to be able to say what he
 pleases without the shadow of the boss looming over his shoulder."

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All Members are receiving, by separate mail, questionnaires concerning the
 establishment of a Lecture Bureau in the Club. If you are interested in
 lecture bookings and have not already returned the questionnaire, please do
 so promptly.

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A five-week speaking, broadcasting and fact-finding tour is taking CECIL BROWN, MBS
 commentator, to Iowa, Nebraska, Idaho, Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico,
 Colorado, Oklahoma and Missouri. En route he will do his daily MBS broadcasts, returning
 to New York November 10. A. WILFRED MAY will be moderator on a dinner-forum on "The
 Theater--What Future?" at the New School for Social Research on Sunday, October 22...

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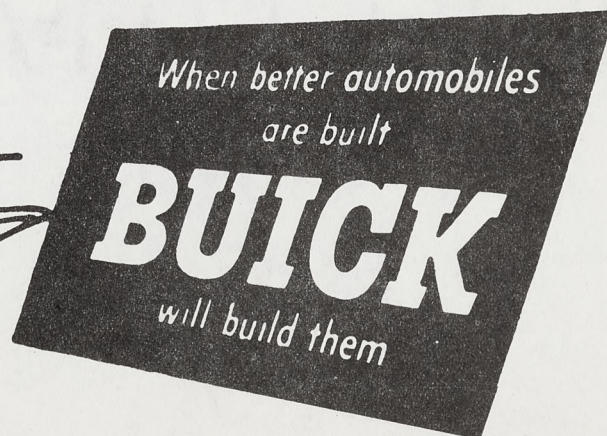
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 (Male). Please telephone Club Headquarters, Longacre 4-0175.

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The State Department's MORRILL CODY is now in Paris as liaison officer for USIE
 (United States Information Exchange) and ECA...JOHN GUNTHER's MacArthur profile begins in
 Look magazine on October 24...Just switched networks -- her new spot is on ABC -- is MARY
 MARGARET McBRIDE...PHIL KLARNET is now with M-G-M in New York, handling tie-in promotions
 with national advertisers....

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 \$65 per week. Telephone Mr. Caswell Speare, Longacre 4-3000, for
 appointment. ("The Job Forum" is a service of the OPC's Placement Committee)

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HENRY C. WOLFE returned from Yugoslavia and Germany to open his lecture season on October 6 before the Massachusetts Library Association...Among Overseas Press Clubbers recently returned from Korea are Past President BOB CONSIDINE and FRANK GIBNEY. GIBNEY, former Tokyo bureau chief for Time, was wounded in Korea.

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ALLYN BAUM, PHOTOG,
ARRESTED BY POLICE
IN BERLIN'S RED ZONE

As he was trying to photograph foxholes dug by Communists near the boundary between the American and Soviet sectors of Berlin on October 10, ALLYN Z. BAUM, of Acme Newspictures was arrested by East German police. With BAUM was his driver. The arrests were reported to West Berlin police by witnesses in the Soviet zone. It was thought that the pair accidentally crossed the border, which is not marked at the point where the incident occurred.

At press time, American liaison officers were attempting to obtain the release of BAUM and his driver. It was recalled that the photographer was arrested in September, 1948, for trying to take pictures of the same Berlin area and released after 28 hours.

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? DID YOU KNOW -- That...the Overseas Press Club Bulletin, only publication of its kind in the world, is read each week by almost 1,000 persons throughout the United States as well as in at least 30 foreign countries????

That ... the Overseas Press Club operates the only placement service devoted exclusively to assisting members of the press????

That ... the Overseas Press Club's activities are conducted by 22 standing and special committees composed of hard-working Members????

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VISITING EGYPTIANS ENTERTAINED
BY OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB AT RE-
CEPTION AND PARTY IN CLUBROOMS

In the name of the Overseas Press Club, President LOUIS P. LOCHNER welcomed a group of 19 Egyptian editors and correspondents at a reception held in the Clubrooms on October 9. Among the group attending, which was headed by Prof. Hassein K. Selim, were temporary Egyptian press representatives, permanent correspondents and personnel of the Egyptian Information Center. SERGE FLIEGERS brought as his guest Mahmoud Azmi Bey, whom he called the "WALTER LIPPMANN of Egypt", who authored the United Nations code of journalist ethics, and Abdul Hamid El Ghani, press attache of the Egyptian Delegation to the UN. Members who were on hand to welcome the guests included House Committee Chairman LAWRENCE BLOCHMAN; SANFORD GRIFFITH, Chairman of the Program Committee; FRED ROSEN; PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE; HUGH CONWAY; Past President WYTHE WILLIAMS; GRACE CORSON; MARTIN BURSTEN and DANIEL VAN ACKER, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

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EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER IS A
"RAVING POLITICAL OPTIMIST"
AFTER SURVEY OF EUROPE

"For the first time since 1930," veteran correspondent EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER told the Overseas Press Club on October 11, "I admit to being a raving political optimist." MOWRER who addressed a luncheon at Toots Shor's, returned recently from a tour of seven European nations. Speaking on "Challenge and Decision in the Marshall Plan Countries" -- the title taken from his forthcoming book -- MOWRER said he had gone to Europe to see whether "we had any dependable allies."

His conclusion was that, yes, America does have many potential allies but that the U.S. must participate "on the ground" if these allies are to develop necessary strength. Solution to the problem, MOWRER said, rests with increased arms and military aid. "It is impossible to live normally or improve economic conditions," he insisted, "without having some security against aggression."

In Britain MOWRER discovered a hard core of support for American aims, with about 75 percent of the people convinced they should stand behind us. Winston Churchill he described as a "man in a hurry". His informants told him that the wartime Prime Minister wants to die as P.M. "He's like an old firehorse," MOWRER said, "who wants to be around when the fire's on."

MOWRER arrived in Belgium when the royal riots broke out. He was forced to appeal to Ambassador Robert Murphy for a car to take him from the taxi-less railway station. The Belgians, he said, would agree to becoming our allies on condition that strong French and Dutch divisions protect them on each side. He said he considered Holland the weakest link in our military alliance in Europe.

Berlin, according to MOWRER, is in an indefensible position, but the West Germans do not want to fight. In France, MOWRER talked with Foreign Minister Rene Plevin, who told him that the French could and would put troops in the field if sufficient equipment were supplied by the U.S.

"Greece is a country to make your heart feel good," MOWRER declared. The Greeks are used to living dangerously, but nevertheless are doing "less grousing" than any other people he encountered. "They can be counted on for almost anything", he said. He also reported on conversations he had in Switzerland, and in Italy with Count Sforza.

GUEST BOOK: President LOCHNER introduced several guests, among them India's Santha Rau and Faubion Bowers, both of whom addressed a Roundtable session recently...Members at the meeting included DOROTHY OMANSKY, DANIEL VAN ACKER, ADELE NATHAN, PAULINE FREDERICK, WILLIAM P. GRAY, CHARLES ROBBINS, BILL LEE and MARTIN SHERIDAN.

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